VACANCY IN THE MAHARAJA'S HOSPITAL, MATTANCHERI— APPOINTMENT TO

46. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of paid Registered Medical Practitioners in Government service in the Medical Department;

(*b*) how many of them belong to the Mattancheri constituency, and what are their names;

(*c*) did any vacancy arise amidst the medical staff attached to the hospital in Mattancheri; if so, when and what vacancy;

(*d*) amidst the applicants for the vacancy, was there any belonging to the Mattancheri constituency?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Twenty-nine.

(*b*) A constituency-war list of officers is not maintained.

(*c*) Yes. A vacancy of a lady Assistant Surgeon arose in the Maharaja's Hospital, Mattancheri, with effect from 25th Mithunam 1116/9th July 1941, consequent upon the resignation of Mrs. C. V. Sankarambal.

(*d*) There was no application from any one in Mattancheri constituency for this particular vacancy, but the father of Miss Malcha Lily Salem had put in a petition to Government on 4th May 1941/22nd Medam 1116 for a paid Assistant Surgeon's place in the department for his daughter.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether a constituency list of applicants is not maintained ? Generally in the applications, the applicants will state where they come from *i.e.*, whether from Cochin, Trichur or Kunnamkulam, etc.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Of course, he may belong to a certain place. We do not worry as to which constituency he belongs. We want to know only whether he is a Cochinite.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I do not want you to worry at all on these matters. Generally the address of the applicants will be mentioned in the applications themselves. After all, there are only 29 applicants. If you say it is difficult to find out these matters from the 29 applications.....

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* We do not want to know whether they come from a particular constituency or not. A

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man from Ernakulam, if he so happens to be at Trichur at the time of writing, might give his address at Trichur.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether there was any applicant from Mattancheri out of these 29?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It has been stated in the answer that there was no application from any one in the Mattancheri constituency for this particular vacancy, but the father of Miss Malcha Lily Salem had put in a petition to Government on 4th May 1941 for a paid Assistant Surgeon's place in the Department for his daughter.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was any reply given to that application?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes, that the question will be considered when a suitable vacancy arises.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know what is meant by a suitable vacancy? *(Laughter)*

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the names of the applicants are not asked in question No. 46 (*b*). In the answer the names are not at all given. Are the names of the applicants, etc., confidential?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It has been answered that a constituency-war list of officers is not maintained.

Mr. President: Yes, the answer is complete.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government are aware that Miss. Salem is the first graduate among the Jewish community in the Medical Department?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is it the case of the Hon'ble Member for Mattancheri that only Mattancheri people should be appointed to the Mattancheri Hospital?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I have no such case.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Then what is the meaning in maintaining a constituency war list. There has been a cry for a Taluk war, now constituency-war and then town-war—family war! *(Laughter)*

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I ask the question: "what is meant by a suitable vacancy"?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is there not a Jewish lady in the Medical Department already?

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Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are Government following the principle of communal rotation in these appointments?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Do you think there is any justification for appointing another Jewish lady in the Medical Department on communal consideration?

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

GRANT-IN-AID DISPENSARY AT KALLETTUMKARA

47. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received a copy of the resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Kallettumkara on 21st Chingam 1117 under the presidentship of Rev. Fr. Joseph Thekkuden;

(*b*) is it a fact that one of the resolutions of the meeting relates to the hardship caused to the people, because the grant-in-aid dispensary at Kallettumkara remained closed after 1st Chingam 1117;

(*c*) what was the reason for closing the dispensary and what action was taken in the matter?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The dispensary remained closed for a short time, because no medical officer willing to work there was available. However, work in the dispensary has since been started from 9th November 1941.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Have the Government recognised that much hardship will be caused to the people if the hospital is closed for even a few days?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* This is not a hospital, Sir, but only a rural medical dispensary run by a rural medical practitioner which is not a government dispensary at all. We tried to get persons for that post. But nobody else came to work.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Did you advertise the post in the Gazette?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

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